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SUBJECT: GUINEA CUTS FUEL DELIVERIES BY 40%

REF: A) CONAKRY 0164

B) CONAKRY 0158
C) CONAKRY 0207

¶1. On March 14, Economic LES spoke with Elhadj Alpha Yaya Diallo, the chef de bureau for the gasoline depot in Conakry. Yaya Diallo stated that the Minister of Commerce issued a written instruction to Customs authorizing the delivery of only 600,000 liters of gas per day from the gas depot to customers, effective March 13. Diallo said that usual shipments from the depot are approximately 1 million liters per day. The letter also forbids gas stations from pumping fuel into containers as an anti-smuggling, anti-speculation measure. These new rules are reportedly effective until further notice.

COMMENT

¶2. COMMENT: The 40% cut in gasoline deliveries could be a government attempt to control the spiraling cost of the gasoline subsidy; essentially a holding action while they wait to resolve the real issue. (REFTELS) END COMMENT.

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